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METRO PICTURES

Metro presents a fine program at the Olympic every Wednesday, featuring a popular actress.

PROF. DORNAN RESIGNS AS BOY SCOUT MASTER TO BE AN AVIATOR

Prof. Chas E. Dornan, instructor in the Junior High school, has resigned as master for the local Boy Scouts. He left Saturday for Columbus, O., he having enlisted in the U. S. Aviation corps. After receiving proper orders and instructions there, he expects to be sent to a camp in Texas.

Prof Dornan became a teacher in the Monessen schools in September, and though here but six months, he had ingratiated himself into the good graces of the faculty, teachers, directors, pupils and people, he being among our best teachers, capable, qualified in every branch of the school work.

Prof. Dornan, as scoutmaster, was well liked, he having worked hard and earnestly for the good of the cause, doing everything in his power for the benefit and advancement of the boys along the lines as laid down in the rules and regulations governing Boy Scouts. The boys hate to see him go, as do the people—everyone who has an interest in Monessen's Boy Scouts and their commendable work along lines of patriotism and good citizenship. May prosperity, safety and god luck accompany him.

add Boy Scout

The committe is now looking for a suitable person to take Prof. Dornan and take up the work where he left off.

FEW CASES DISPOSED OF IN COURT

Police court did not have a very busy session this morning, there being only five cases to be heard.

John Palso, of near Fifth and Schoonmaker, was heard on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and trying to entice three little girls. Burgess Stewart, after hearing the case, fined him $12.00 which was paid.

Mike Kolar, an employe of the Lucas meat market, had trouble in a club room and was ejected. He was found outside by a police officer, and his story was that some one outside beat him up after leaving the club room. His fine was $3.00, which was paid.

Charles Sharon for being drunk and disorderly at Third and Schoonmaker, was fined $5.00 which he paid. Sharon is employed at the Imperial Glass works in Charleroi.

Charles Rebso was also picked up Saturday night on a drunk and disorderly charge A $10.00 forfeit was put up by Mr Knap and this morning he was fined $5.00.

Charlie Russa on Saturday night became unruly and told an officer he could not arrest him. The job was easy and he was landed in the lockup, but let out on a $10.00 forfeit. Burgess Stewart fined him $5.00.

The case of Charles Ruska who was charged with drunkenness and flashing a knife, was settled this morning by the fine being paid.

His offense was committed last Thursday evening.

GROCER SUES STREET CAR CO.

In the suit of Bennie Albert against the Westside Electric Street Railway company the plaintiff's statement has been filed. Damages in the sum of $2,000 for personal injuries received and for loss of horse and repair of wagon. The plaintiff's horse and wagon were struck by a car of the defendant company. The plaintiff avers that at the time he was making every effort to pull out of the tracks of the defendant company. He was thrown from the wagon and injured about the head and back. His horse was so badly hurt that it died. His wagon was also badly damaged. The accident occurred on the 5th of February.

SOLDIERS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Four American soldiers, caught asleep while doing sentry duty in the first line trenches, have been sentenced to death, but General Pershing, although he has authortiy to carry out the sentence, has refered their cases to the war department for review.

These are the first cases of the kind since the American troops went to France. One soldier has been executed for an unspeakable offense on a French child and in this Case Gen. Pershing acted swiftly without as much as referring it to Washington. President Wilson probably, in the end, will review the sentries' cases. Going to sleep on sentry duty has long been recognized as an unforgivable offense, punishable by death.

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DETECTIVES GET CLUE THAT WILL TRAP YOUNG EXPRESS ROBBERS

How three youths successfully planned the Adams Express company robbery and escaped with more than $86,000, which was stolen from a money box in the company's office at Twenty-Sixth street and Liberty avenue, Pittsburg, on the morning of February 24, was related to county detectives yesterday, according to Chief Robert H. Braun, by two young men, who were arrested early in the morning. The two are now being held in the detective headquarters court house, as accomplices of an express company employe, who has been missing since the robbery occurred.

"We will recover the stolen money and expect to arrest the missing employe within 48 hours," Chief Braun declared last night.

The two youths being held by the detectives gave their names as James F. Burk, 20 years old, a moving picture operator, of 1812 Cliff street and John Whitney Rouch, 17 years old a chaffeur, of West View.

Six other young men, besides Burke and Roush, were taken into custody by County Detectives Harry Cochran, Paul Sigal and William Black, during Saturday night and early yesterday morning and were questioned by Chief Braun, District Attorney H. H. Rowand and the County detectives working on the robbery. Chief Braun stated that the six young men are friends of the missing employe, and Burke and Roush, but made it clear that they had no connection whatever with the robbery. He refused to divulge the names of the six youths, stating that it was necessary to withhold their names for the present, as they will probably appear as witnesses in the case. Chief Braun said that the six youths admitted that they had spent some of the stolen money, without having any knowledge that it had been taken from the express company.

Burke is married and is a son of Thos. Burke, Sr., 54 Fullerton street. Mr Burke stated last night that he knew nothing about his son's arrest, except that he had been informed that his son had been taken to the county detective headquarters yesterday morning.

The county detectives admitted that thus far none of the money has been recovered. Several hundred dollars, said to have been spent by the alleged youthful robbers, probably will be a loss.

Young Rouch, according to Chief Braun, made a complete statement of his connection with the robbery and signed it. On the other hand, Burke told the detectives, it is said, how he had assisted in the robbery and signed his statement, but refused to devulge where he had secreted the money given him by the missing employe.

The statements of the two youths, the detectives say, agree in every detail. Chief Braun stated that the young men spoke freely and showed no signs of nervousness.

According to Chief Braun they stated that they discussed the possibility of a "big robbery" several days and finally rented a room in Crawford street, in the Hill district, February 23, where they held a long conference and planned the robbery. The boys said, Chief Braun announced, that they agreed with their companion the missing employe, whose name the detectives refused to divulge, that the best plan to carry out the robbery was to have their companion, the employe, remain at work until after the express company watchman had finished work Sunday morning, February 24.

Chief Braun stated that the two boys said the meeting adjourned in time for their cmopanion to reach his work on time Saturday evening, February 23, the express company employe, according to Burke and Roush remaining in the company's office at Twenty-sixth street and Liberty avenue until after 7 o'clock on the morning of February 24.

"We reached the express company office about 7 o'clock," the boys said, according to Chief Braun, "and walked into the office." Roush carried a suitcase. After a brief discussion with their companion, the boys declared, according to the detectives, that they walked into a small office and the employe opened a money box, removing its contents, which amounted to $86,215. The money had been consigned from the Bank of Pittsburg, N. A., to the American Steel & Wire company at Donora.

Placing the money in the suitcase, the boys asserted they left the office, accompanied by the express company employe, walked up Twenty-eighth street to the Hill district and went directly to their "conference headquarters" in Crawford street.

Reaching their room, the boys said, according to the detectives, they opened the suitcase and prepared to divide the money.

Chief Braun stated that Burke declared Roush appeared dissatisfied

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SHOOTS HUSBAND ON A DARE

Uniontown, Pa., March 3.—Because his wife never refuses to take a dare, it is said, Ray Everson, 22 years old, of Thompson No. 2, near here, is in a dying condition in Uniontown hospital from four bullet wounds in the abdomen. His wife, Emma Everson, is in the Fayette county jail, held to await the outcome of her husband's injuries.

Everson and his wife were attendants at a party in the home of William Ritchie of Tower Hill, last night. It is said that at the height of the celebration Mrs. Everson got hold of a revolver and began to demonstrate her markmanship by shooting at several objects in the house. Several of her friends dared her to shoot her husband. It is said that he also dared her. She then, it is alleged, fired at her husband.

Yield to Cupid

Charleroi relatives are in receipt of letters from St. Petersburg, Fla., announcing the marriagge of Miss Thelma Kathleen Guthrie, a former Coal Center girl, but the past six years a resident of St. Petersburg, to Ashley Bennet Carter of Camp Johnston, Jacksonville. The ceremony was performed in Jacksonville, the wedding being the culmination of a romance of some few years. Mr. Carter is connected with the post office department at Camp Johnston and he and his bride will remain there until he receives further orders from the government.

Olympic Theatre

TODAY—Gladys Brockwell in "For Liberty," a patriotic picture. Also the thirteenth episode of "The Mystery Ship," and a good comedy.

TUESDAY—Douglas Fairbanks in "A Good Bad Man," and Billy West in "The Cup."

WEDNESDAY—Emily Stephens in "The Day Break," a Triangle Keystone comedy and Pathe News.

THURSDAY—May Marsh in "The Field of Honor," also a Vitagraph comedy and Animated Weekly News.

FRIDAY—A William Fox Standard picture.

SATURDAY—Clara Kimball Young in "Shirley Kaye," also "The Hidden Hand" and Mutt & Jeff comedy.

STAR THEATRE

TODAY—Dainty Mary Miles Minter, the screen's youngest star, in a patriotic play "Her Country's Call." This is a popular picture owing to the present situation of the country, and everyone who has seen Mary once wants to see her again.

Also an Alice Howell comedy.

TUESDAY—Wallace Reid in a Paramount play, "The Hostage."

WEDNESDAY—Demure Margaret Clark in the last of the famous subdeb stores written by Mary Roberts Rinehart, which appeared in the Saturday evening Post, entitled "Bab's Matinee Idol." You've seen Miss Clark as the winsome "Bab" in the other adventures as written in her diary, now see her in this rollicking comedy in which she finds herself in numerous predicaments when she originates an imaginary lover.

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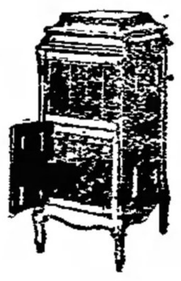

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AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM MISS WATSON WHO IS NOW IN FRANCE

Many people in and about Monessen will be pleased to hear from Miss Marie Watson, who is now in France with the American Expeditionary Base hospital forces. When the war broke out, Miss Watson gallantly surrendered her duties with the local tuberculosis dispensary and enlisted with the hospital forces for immediate service in France.

Being a trained nurse of many years' experience, Miss Watson felt it was her patriotic duty to administer to the sick and suffering during the war and consequently enlisted for service. Miss Watson has spent much of her life looking after the unfortunates, she has been a great missionary worker, kind, sympathetic and thoughtful and her services have been given without thought of remuneration but for the comfort that could be brought to others. Hundreds of families in this community know her as well as they know their own folks, and will be glad to hear from her. A letter written January 31st addressed to Mr. A. J. McGinness is published herewith:

Somewhere in France.
Jan. 31st, 1918.

Dear Mr. McGinness:

Was agreeably surprised to receive the Xmas box from the Monessen-Belle Vernon Chapter American Red Cross. It was the first I have received since I have arrived in France and I appreciate it very much. Everything in it was just right and it was well packed and in perfect condition

The country here is much like Cresson only we have dense fogs. The houses are beautiful and would be wonderful examples to a building committee of a new town as to what may be achieved in a way to make a harmonious whole, for the home of the poorest peasant may be adjoining the most pretentious structure and add a note of beauty instead of being an offense.

The people are kindness itself and you would never judge by the bright face they turn to the world that they have endured the horrors of war for over two years I am trying to write on my knees as close to a stove as I can get, with nine other girls talking to me. This is a beautiful country but I would trade it all for our home and lot. Give everyone my love and express my gratitude to your chapter.

Sincerely,
Marie Watson,
American Expeditionary Forces
Base Hospital 31

REFUSING TO OBEY TEACHER

There seems to be existing in the Charleroi public schools quite a degree of insubordination, particularly in one of the high school rooms, where some of the students refused to rise to their feet while going through recitations. There has for some time, it appears, been considerable feeling between the pupils of this room and the teacher, the pupils having taken the reins in their own hands, so to speak, refusing to do the teacher's bidding, thus withrowing themselves liable to strict disciplinary procedure. Another point exists in the High school, under the principalship of Prof. Grimm.

It appears that there arose a dissension among the advanced pupils over making German one of the school studies, this question arising possibly through a principle of patriotism, brought about by the present war situation.

Prof. Grimm's ruling is said to be that the two German classes now instituted—one to run yet six months and one for a year, should be completed, but that no new classes would be started.

The school board is to meet Tuesday evening and make an attempt to get an amicable adjustment of these two knotty questions.

New Coal Price

Definite absolute prices of coal for the consuming public will be announced in every city and town in the country beginning April 1. People everywhere will know exactly what they are expected to pay for their supply and still allow the dealer to make a fair profit.

Prices will be raised according to the locality, and the transportation difficulties to be surmounted. Retail dealers will be compelled to sell at the figures set or face a fine of $5,000 or two years in prison.

This announcement was made Thursday night in Washington by the fuel administration. Fuel administrators in every city and town will set the price to be paid by the consumer.

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WEALTH AND DISCONTENT

A large number of people have become immensely wealthy through the war. Food speculators have coined money by working off old stocks at great prices. People who owned plants that could be quickly adapted to war work are bursting with their dividends. Owners of mines producing war material have found their treasure doubling in value. Also they are having to pay heavily in war taxes.

When the war ends, and all these new fortunes are relieved of the special burdens of taxation, what effect is all this new wealth going to have on the labor situation?

We shall find a new class of millionaires building their palaces. They will erect their great castles on costly metropolitan corners, and build their gorgeous "cottages" on romantic spots at the summer and winter resorts.

When a faithful and hard working man can just barely meet the cost of subsistence, it comes hard to see all these rivers of the world's wealth running to waste. He becomes the prey of restless agitators. He listened too readily to every crank that jumps up on a soap box and endeavors to settle the world's ills by his fool nostrum. The Bolsheviks are not all confined to poor Russia. There are plenty of them in this country, who are bent on tearing down the entire social order, and reconstructing the entire economis world anew.

What can be done, in the face of the new and growing luxury, to mitigate all this social unrest? It is a problem that must be faced. The people of wealth must meet it. They should come into closer contact with their work people. They should live in the towns where their work people live. If they have exceptional prosperity for a period, they should share it with their employes. Only by a close approach to those who serve them can they stem the threatening tide of social discontent.

SAVING SLEEP

The physiologists have been telling us for many years that we do not get enough sleep. We sit up late for dances and theatres and entertainments, and go to work tired the next morning.

In many small towns where life is ordinarily simple, the so-called society people have long aped the manners of metropolitan life. When they had a dance they could not have it begin at an early hour after their evening meal, because it is not the style in New York. So they would wait around until some more fashionable hour, say nine or ten o'clock, and run their party until early morning hours.

This winter the fuel conservators have urged and sometimes required that theatres, dances and other entertainments begin early so they can close early and allow the fires to go down. It is a good fuel conservation measure, and saves not only fuel but sleep.

Many school dances that used to be held evenings have been held in the afternoon this winter. Formerly they interfered with school work. The sunlight dance is healthful exercise that helps school work instead of hindering it.

Public banquets and society dinners have been famous for late hours. In many places business men will wait around hungrily for an eight or nine o'clock dinner. Then come long speaking programs and it is one o'clock before they get home. Result, they are too tired to do good business the next day. They might just as well have had their dinner at 6:30, starting speaking at nine, closing up the affair at eleven.

The fuel famine has taught a lot of people that evening entertainments might just as well begin and close early. We hear much on the daylight saving movement. Congress will probably pass a bill for it. The saving sleep movement looks good also.

PARTIES AND PACIFISM

It is significant of the attitude of the political parties toward American defence, that from 1907 to 1909 under president Roose- under President Wilson, this expenditure had dropped to $250,000. Yet when the year 1915 came in, the war had been running for five months. All thoughtful men feared we would be drawn in. Yet the government did practically nothing for war preparation.

The rifle shortage is the very least of our troubles. At last our factories are turning them out in good numbers. But in machine guns, airplanes, destroyers, big guns, and ammunition for them, our condition is still deplorably behind.

The Democratic party consistently opposed preparations for defence. Whatever mistakes the Republicans made, the Democrats want them many times better. And if the Republican party had been in power in 1915 it is inconceivable that it would have remained inert and passive all the time the storm was drawing nearer.

If we had had even a very moderate preparation for defence, Germany would never have defied us. Instead we wrote an interminable succession of notes which she laughed at as so much waste paper. If we had only shown a little spunk and courage and sense, she would have sunk none of our ships nor any British ships carrying our people. Would we then be in the war now? Probably not.

The Democratic party may say this in ancient history and immaterial now. Probably it was our duty to get in the war anyway, with all the fiendish crimes that cry to heaven for redress. But if so, it was all the more our duty to get ready for action and not to crawl under the bed as we did. Anyway a little glance at the past shows which party has had the greater ability to look ahead and read the plain signs of the times.

EDITORIALETTES

It is going to take some deep thinking to beat the submarines.

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Some of the people who keep saying "Wake up America" go home and eat white bread three times every day.

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The Germans are still not worrying about the American army, as they have it straight from Kaiser Bill that we will only have wooden guns for two years.

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It is difficult to heave many sad sighs in sympathy for the sufferings of the farmer who is getting nearly three times as much for his wheat as he used to.

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Life is certainly attractive to the German spies. If they don't get caught they will get all kinds of honors from the kaiser, and if they do, they will be interned at our nice winter resorts and every want carefully looked after.

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Those subject to sick headaches, backache, bilious attacks, constipation or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning inside-bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowel pores do.

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A large knitted American flag occupies the center of the blanket, while small Red Cross flags are in each corner. A service flag, also knitted containing two stars, representing the two employes of the company in the service, is in the blanket.

Conducted Inquests

County Coroner James Harkins conducted a number of inquests at his office at the court house, Friday morning.

The jury found that Jackson Gosnick, 42 years of age of New Stanton, came to his death by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Jesse Gosnick and recommended that Jesse Gosnick be held for the crime of murder. The man died Feb. 22.

The jury investigated the death of Edward Wolf, 15 years, of Greensburg, R. F. D. No. 5 and found that he came to his death by bullet wounds inflicted by the hands of John Fausold and recommended that Fausold be held for murder. The boy died February 14, in the Westmoreland hospital.

A Clever Ruse

By WORTHINGTON LEE

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"There is your man," spoke my superior, and he showed me a photograph, and I studied it closely.

"I have memorized the face sufficiently to identify him when I come across him," I said confidently.

"We want this man, Leon Gammert," continued the detective chief, "because all his antecedents and his present associations and methods indicate that he is a foreign spy. Read up our files on this man and try to get the goods on him. It would considerably improve your status here to run this man down."

I bowed, and started for the secret service file room. On my way I bestowed my usual admiring glance upon the stenographer, Miss Ada Ryall. Her return smile, friendly and encouraging, nerved me to hope that I might score a real brilliant stroke of sheer detective genius.

I was a novice in the line, but the pay was good and my especial work, that of running down aliens and slackers, in a measure a patriotic task. This was my first really important commission.

For two months Leon Gammert had evaded every trap set for him. Operatives who had been on his trail reported that he led a quiet life, practically devoid of companionship. He roomed at a respectable boarding house, the only remarkable feature as to such occupancy being that he had the one room it contained in the attic. I went at the task cautiously, intelligently and with hope. My man came and went. He was given out as an agent for an industrial insurance company, and I learned that he was in that employ on a commission basis. I ascertained, however, that he did not bring in much business.

I shadowed Gammert one whole day. All of its working hours were devoted to visiting factories where they employed a large number of foreign workmen. A good many of them belonged to obscure secret societies. I watched Gammert approach and converse with a number of these. This procedure seemed rationally in concurrence with his business. He would address a man, take out a folder describing the insurance company he represented, go over it with the man and hand him his card, to all intents and purposes filling the natural duties of an insurance solicitor.

At the end of a week I had not scored one discovery that Gammert was otherwise than what he represented himself to be. The first Saturday night, however, there arose a circumstance that later led to a distinct clue. I followed Gammert to an obscure little shop occupied by a cobbler where Gammert placed a pair of shoes on the counter. Looking through the windows, as the cobbler undid the package I observed that the shoes were nearly new, yet Gammert left them to be repaired. Monday night he went after them. I thought little of the occurrence until the following Saturday night, when Gammert again repaired to the same shop and went through the same performance. I noted where the cobbler placed the shoes, did not follow Gammert, but waited until the cobbler went away. Then with the aid of a picklock I forced the door and made an examination of those shoes.

"I have him at last!" was my jubilant commentary.

The heels of the shoes unscrewed. They were hollow. In each I found a closely folded paper. It held as many as two hundred names and addresses. The names were those of the men Gammert had visited. Under the insurance solicitor camouflage he had been securing willing agents for the foreign government for whom he was a hired spy.

I hurried to headquarters with my prize. The chief was not there. Then I did a rash thing. I placed the lists in a safe and went alone to arrest Gammert. The door of the attic room was unlocked. I entered and faced my man.

"I am from the secret service," I said, "and you are my prisoner."

Quick as a flash Gammert sprang at me, whirled me about and struck me with some heavy missile. When I came back to consciousness I found myself tied securely to a chair. At a table a dense vapor was arising from a vessel placed over a lamp. My man was gone. In one corner of the room was a cage. All this I noted as I realized that in a few moments the fumes of the vapor would overcome me.

I do not know if it was the intention of Gammert to kill me, or only to place me in a stupor until he got far and fast beyond the city. It was just as I nearly strangled, blinded and helpless that there was a crash. One of the windowpanes was broken in and a carrier pigeon fluttered into the room, doubtless the usual inmate of the cage, and one of Gammert's secret messengers, as was the cobbler, who conveyed his lists to higher up members of some powerful enemy society.

The dense vapor dissipated, an outlet furnished, and I was soon able to relieve myself of my bonds.

We never found Gammert, but we had the lists which led to the department breaking up one of the most formidable associations of spies in the country.

I was promoted in the service the next week, and the following one Ada consented to become my bride.

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Lutheran Campaign "Goes Over The Top"

At 9:45 Wednesday evening February 27th, the Lutheran church War-time Service fund of $750,000 went "ove the top."

On Saturday it had reached only $310,000. A conferance was held of the men in charge of National Headquarters in Knade building, New York City. Fxdetectivelaf..are York. Present were the men who had conducted the campaign, Dr. W. H. Greever, financial secretary, Rev. O. H. Pannkoke in charge of the Campaign of Education, Rev. G. L. Kieffer, Rev. Thos. Hartwig, Dr. F. H. Knubel, chairman and Mr. E. F. Eilert, treasurer of the National Lutheran Commission. The prospect looked gloomy from actual figures reported and from the reports of difficulties in various states. It was decided that every effort must be bent to drive the campaign over. The church could not fail in her emergency call.

On Monday the figures reached $403,000, Tuesday $470,000, Wednesday Minnesota reported $208,838; $58,000 additional. By evening $13,000 were lacking to reach the goal. Rev. Pannkoke called Judge Richter, state chairman of Michigan. He added $12,200 Still $361,00 lacking. He next called up Rev H Smidt of Ohio. He said, "Ohio will give $100,000." "But what has Ohio to report now?" "The reports aren't coming in yet." "But can't you give us $361 to put this thing over?" "Sure, my church alone has $1,065 now." Good for you, you just completed the $750,000 mark."

The leading Lutheran states have promised to make it a million. Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and West Virginia already have $210,000 in excess of their apportionment. Little West Virginia multiplied her apportionment by five and is still going strong. Pennsylvania promises $45,000 additional, New York $25,000.

Leading Lutherans are saying that this campaign is the greatest thing which ever happened to the church. It has roused it in every part of the land and stimulated its latent energies in a measure never before attained. That new feeling of strength and ability will mean much in the greater tasks that are before it.

The campaign has also showed that the Lutheran church is thoroughly American, ready to sacrifice for its sons with the colors.

The success of the campaign is the more remarkable in view of the many handicaps. This was the first whirlwind campaign in the history of the Lutheran church in America. The church lacked experince. In very many quarters it lacked enthusiasm for this method In addition there were racial and synodical divisions that had to be swept aside. To do all that barely a month was given. The campaign was decided upon Jan. 19th. It began Feb. 18th. When it began over 80,000 canvassers were organized and trained, the church was stirred and ready. And now the Lutheran church has proved that it is willing to back its faith with its dollars, that "Christ may go to camp and overseas."

City's Part in Solving Farm labor Problem

Last year, in spite of all the difficulties, the farmers planted the largest acreages in the history of the nation, harvested record crops of most important things except wheat, and succeeded in greatly increasing the number of live stock. Since last year skilled labor farm labor has been given deferred classification and the Secretary of War has asked for power to furlough soldiers of the National Army if their training permits, so that they may return to their farms and assist. It is believed that the farmers of the nation can, by effective organization and co-operation, with such assistance as can be furnished, again overcome labor difficulties and produce large quantities of foods, feedstuffs and live stock.

There is an opportunity now for urban people sympathetically and constructively to study the farm labor situation and to render assistance. In many towns and cities there are men who have had farming experience, who are ablebodied, and who would doubtless be willing to serve the nation in the field of agriculture at this time. Especially for the seasonal strains of planting, cultivating and harvesting, it will not be too much to ask such men to aid the farmers in the necessary undertaking of maintaining and, if possible, supplementing the food supply in order to feed the armies and to sustain the civilian population behind them. If soldiers are willing to serve in the trenches, to dig ditches, build railroads and risk their lives, many civilians can well afford to spare a part of their time to serve in the furrows and in the harvest fields. If it appears that the farmers of a community or region are not able to secure the necessary labor by the usual methods, then the leaders in the town or city immediately dependent upon that region should organize, establish touch with representative farm leaders, and see if they cannot assist in solving the problem. In so doing they will not only aid the farmers of the nation, but they will vitally contribute to their own well being and to that of their community.

The farmers are willing to do all that they humanly can but, where their labor supply cannot be furnished from the ordinary sources, it must be recruited from those whose very sustenance depends upon the farmers. The soldier and the farmer are eager to do their full share; the soldier is taking the chances of losing his life and the farmer is risking the labors of a year on the chances of the seasons; both incur risks. Very many civilians are equally eager to do their share, but may not appreciate the opportunity to serve in the field of agriculture.

The departments of agriculture and labor will render every possible aid, but each community knows its own problems, and urban people, especially business men, could co-operate effectively with the farmers and also render much assistance.

Ice Company Blamed for Girls Death

Mr. and Mrs. John Hajost, of East Huntingdon township, this county have filed a suit in the prothonotary's office at Greensburg for $10,000 against the Scottdale Ice company. The suit is brought to recover damages for the death of their daughter, Katie, aged 2 years.

According to the plaintiff's statement of claim the ice company operates an ice plant in East Huntingdon township. A stream of water flows past this property. Hot water is discharged into this stream by the defendant company.

The little girl while walking along this street on August 22, fell into it. The water was hot, according to the plaintiff's statement, that the child was scalded to death.

Postal Regulations Amended

Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order, to become effective March 15, amending the postal regulations with reference to fourth class mail matter (parcel post) so as to increase the allowable weight of the package from fifty pounds in the first and second zones to seventy pounds when mailed for delivery within the first, second and third zones, and from twenty to fifty pounds when mailed for delivery within any of the other zones.

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True and False

By JESSIE ETHEL SHERWIN

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Drake Beaton was a coward and a sneak, but he tried hard to conceal these facts. When the call for troops came he resigned his position and quietly stole away from the town where his name was on the draft list.

"There's no way of ever getting exempted if they ever get me," mused this interesting young man. Cliveden, a pretty village, attracted him. Here there came to this man of little principle and no true sense of honor a magnetic influence he could not resist. He met Aileen Burley and loved her, as far as a man of his selfish nature could.

There was a collateral element that attracted him. Aileen was an heiress. There was likewise a depressing circumstance—she was a patriot, constant and enthusiastic. She was the head of every woman's national movement locally. When Beaton created a favorable impression through his liberality in subscribing for everything that came along, and learned that Aileen was free to woo, he determined to win her.

Not that Aileen was entirely maiden fancy free. Until a month previous the young lady had cherished a friendship for a young man named Walter Matteson. Village gossips predicted an engagement. Then all of a sudden Matteson disappeared. For a week Aileen was sad and gloomy. A shadow was on her fair face, but she resumed her old cheerfulness and ardor in Red Cross work. To Editha Morris, a particular friend, she made the statement:

"Mr. Matteson and I did not agree on some vital patriotic points."

Sinuous of method, specious of nature, Beaton set himself about the task of winning Aileen. There arrived the moment when he declared his love. Clearly, fearlessly, frankly Aileen intimated that a former proposal had come from a man who had forfeited all her esteem by refusing to volunteer, accepting instead a high salaried position in a great munition plant.

"I will enlist tomorrow," eagerly declared Beaton. "I would die in a thousand battles for you."

Aileen was impressed with the ardor of this seeming patriot of patriots Tacitly she accepted his addresses. Why not? There was a lonely feeling at heart, she would win a new soldier for Uncle Sam.

Beaton really enlisted and made great capital of it. His hope was to induce Aileen to marry him before he went away. Circumstances disturbed his clever schemes. He was sent to a training camp. Its rigors repelled him. He was affrighted at stories of the risk and suffering awaiting him abroad. He feigned sickness, obtained a two-weeks' furlough, went to a distant city where he had a close friend, a dissolute young doctor, and between them they put up a scheme in accordance with the plots of Beaton.

Aileen was shocked a week later to learn that Beaton had died while on a furlough. The government simply filed away the certificate of death. In secret Aileen mourned, not so much for a man she had not really loved, as for the shadows of disappointment and unhappiness that seemed to pursue her. One evening she was walking about the garden when two men leaped from a bushy covert, a muffler was thrown over her head and a minute later she was in an automobile dashing away at high speed.

Her captors did not act at all roughly, but one of them warned her not to attempt any outcry. They drove down an obscure country road, stopped at a lonely house and Aileen was ushered into a lighted room A door opened and a man entered the room Aileen tottered and paled from the shock of recognition.

"You—Drake Beaton!" she gasped. "The dead alive! Oh! what does this mean?"

The man advanced with an eager, pleading face. In an impassioned address he confessed how his love for her had overcome every other consideration.

"All for you!" he declared ardently. "Oh, Aileen! do you understand that I cannot live without you? I ask you to give up home, friends, to go with me to some distant place where we will be all in all together."

"You dare to say this to me?" cried Aileen, with flashing eyes. "You, a traitor to your country! Oh, you are, indeed, unmasked!"

"You shall go by force, then," hissed Beaton. Just then the sounds of a violent scuffle in the outer room echoed through the house. Three men rushed into sight and one of them was Walter Matteson. His companions seized Beaton.

"How—how came you here?" she faltered.

"I can tell you now what I was bound by an oath not to impart heretofore," explained Matteson. "I have been secretly employed by the government, and was sent to the munitions plant to watch out for spies among its employees of many nationalities because I understand the languages they spoke. More recently I have been assisting the secret service men who were after this fellow, Beaton. My interest in you led me here just in time. Next month I go to France in a military capacity."

"How I have wronged you!" sobbed Aileen. "Can you ever forgive me?"

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The new Liberty theatres are being constructed with remarkable speed. One of the fifteen, that at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., already has been completed within eight working days.

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AFTERWARDS

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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Miss Electa Dayton came down the wide stairway and paused for an instant in the front door. She made a very beautiful picture. The fact that her abundant hair was snowy white did not detract from her beauty, for her coloring was delicately pink and her soft eyes as black and expressive as they had been in her girlish days of perhaps twenty years past.

Electa looked through the wire-screened door into the garden with its prim rows of boxwood, smelling warm and pungent after the light shower of rain. She smiled a little sadly and turned away into the cool parlor.

"It was on an afternoon like this that he went away," she murmured wistfully.

It was a very restful room, with a faded Turkey carpet on the floor and old mahogany furniture scattered in comfortable confusion.

"I get tired of waiting sometimes," she murmured to herself, "but he said he would come back some day, and I know he is not dead."

For twenty years she had been waiting for the return of this adventurous lover of hers. He had fared forth to seek his fortune and five years afterward his letters had suddenly ceased. Since then Electa had heard no word from him nor of him. Her parents had died firm in the belief that Robin Gaines had deliberately dropped out of their daughter's life, and they begged Electa to forget him and marry another.

"He will come back some day," she said with the faith that only a woman can hold.

Perhaps it was this belief in his return that kept her from growing old. Now, she was more beautiful than she had ever been as a girl.

A handsome touring car rolled away from the village hotel and turned down a pleasant elm-shaded street. Beside the chauffeur sat a middle-aged man of distinguished bearing with a pair of bright blue eyes set in a bronzed countenance.

He glanced at the pleasant village homes set in the midst of the green lawns and flower beds, and all at once his gaze contracted as though he had been suddenly reminded of something

At a word from him the machine stopped.

"What place is this?" he asked of the chauffeur.

"Stonedge, sir."

"By Jove—Stonedge!" The man looked up and down the street, surveying the houses with a new interest in his fine eyes. Old memories appeared to be struggling for recognition, for his face changed rapidly.

"I used to live here, Peter," he said to the man.

"Yes, sir."

"My father was rector of the church and I lived in that little brick house adjoining the church—see it there half hidden by ivy?—for five years Jove! I had forgotten all about Stonedge—haven't thought about it for years."

"It's a pretty place, Mr. Gaines."

"Mighty pretty, Peter. Drive slowly till you come to the corner and then turn to your right along the river road."

As the car moved noiselessly along, Robert Gaines scanned the houses with questioning eyes. He looked a little sadly at the village that had harbored a few years of his happy youth. Now, he was no longer happy—he had drunk his fill of adventuring and travel and now, in middle age, he had come back to his own land to feel himself a stranger there.

The river road brought back another memory. With the sight of the long, low, red roof that had sheltered Electa Dayton came a queer pang of remorse. He had forgotten Electa until today Fifteen years ago he had written her a letter in which he had told her not to wait for him, as he had failed in his quest for a fortune—it was the day he had lost everything.

She had never replied and he had put her out of his mind and, full of the spirit of adventure, he had forgotten her. He had never cared for any other woman.

Peter had stopped the car in front of Electa's gate.

Robin looked wistfully through the mist of green leaves. He wondered if Electa was alive—if she was married? Perhaps that little lad playing in the street was Electa's boy! He leaned from the car and spoke to the child.

"Who lives in that house?" he asked.

"Miss Dayton," was the child's startling reply.

"Miss who?" asked Robin, almost harshly.

"Miss Electa Dayton," answered the boy, and he sped joyously away with the silver coin Robin tossed to him.

"Wait for me, Peter. I'm going inside to see an old friend," directed Robin, and he left the car and entered the garden.

When his foot grated on the front piazza Miss Electa came to the front door.

For a brief instant they looked at each other through the screen door.

"Electa!" he said hoarsely.

"Robin!" she cried joyfully. "I knew you would come back some day!"

Peter, in the automobile, saw his master kissing a beautiful white haired woman.

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Since all restrictions on consumption of mutton and lamb had been lifted previously, the administration now asks the public, for a time, to deny itself only beef and pork on one day a week—Tuesday. For the present there is no intention to add to the restrictions in force against the use of flour.

In a statement Food Administrator Hoover said: "The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine. It is, therefore, necessary for the food administration to urge a still further reduction in the consumption of bread and breadstuffs generally.

"Experience shows that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible, and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption. In these circumstances, the food administration considers it wise to relax the voluntary restrictions on meat consumption. So long as the present conditions continue, the only special restrictions we ask are the beefless and porkless Tuesday. The meatless meal and the porkless Saturday are no longer asked."

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—Mrs. P. Daven of Homestead, visited friends in Monessen, Sunday.

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—Chauncey Warner visited over Sunday with his brothers in Carrick.

—Joe Steiner of Greensburg, visited with Monessen friends yesterday.

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—Miss Amelda Donnegan visited friends in Charleroi last evening.

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—Carl Chiverine of Glassport, spent yesterday with friends in Monessen.

—Miss Anna and Clara Perry visited yesterday with friends in California.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Brautegam were Pittsburgh visitors Saturday evening.

—Wm. H. Herron of Pittsburgh, is visiting his sons, Dr. T. B. and B. H. Herron.

—Mrs. Gus Dregalle visited with her father in the Uniontown hospital on Saturday.

—Prather Shuster is home from Kiski visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Shuster.

—G. W. Conley returned today from a flying business trip to Clarksburg and Weston, W. Va.

—Miss Kathryn Gibson and Miss Gertrude Robinson of Donora, visited friends in Monessen Sunday.

—The Red Cross workroom will be open as usual this week, starting Tuesday afternoon, March 4th.

—Mrs. A. Brautegam has returned from Texas, where she visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDermott.

—Rev. Dr. J. E. Dieterick, acting pastor of St. Paul's church, delighted a large congregation yesterday at the morning and evening services.

—Mrs. Robert Sargeant and Mrs. J. B. Kline of Donner avenue, spent Sunday with friends in Pittsburgh.

—Mrs. Ed. Crall and son Donald of Monongahela, visited yesterday with Mrs. Tom Marshall of Donner avenue.

—Miss Lillian Beery is numbered among the sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rogers of 402 McKee avenue.

—Miss Anna Karlowsky left this morning for Brownsville where she has accepted a position as milliner at Kaufman's store.

—Michael L. Kichinko, who is stationed at Camp Lee, is spending a short furlough with his parents on Knox avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neal and daughter of Donora, visited yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gallatin of the Giba apartments.

—Mrs. Walter McLaughlin left Saturday for Camp Lee where she will spend some time with her husband who is in training there.

—John Monn, aged 40, of Waynesburg, shot and killed his wife Sunday morning, then cut his throat and shot himself in the head. He was jealous.

Eggs dropped 25 cents Saturday in Eastern markets and now they are quoted at only 45 cents there while Saturday here housewives paid 70 cent for strictly fresh country eggs.

—Miss Anna Chalfant, who for a week has been the guest of her brother, A. M. Chalfant of Reed avenue, returned today to her home in Grindstone.

—A card received here from Milton Eller indicates that he is at the front in active service against the enemy. He is one of the Monessen boys with Gen. Pershing's army in France.

—Dainty Marguerite Clark in one of the famous sub deb stories written by Mary Roberts Rinehart that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "Bab's Matinee Idol" at the STAR, Wednesday. 28-3t

—The Ladies' Bible class of the U. B. church will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Calloway, 1129 McMahon avenue.

—"Mainspring" Springer, formerly of the Hamilton Watch factory, and later the official watch inspector of the P. & L. E. and Western Maryland railroads, has taken charge of the watch repair department at Brown's jewelry store. 26-tf

—Mr. and Mrs. G W Snyder and daughter Dorothy of 108 Knox avenue are moving to a farm near Belle Vernon this week, where they expect to make their future home. The change is made with a hope of improving Mr. Snyder's he lth.

FOR SALE

11 acres of gardening land with a house of four rooms and bath, coal vein, near street car line, Belle Vernon. 31-4t ASK FRANK BUMER.

POSTPONED

The concert which was to have been given at the Mt Olive Baptist church, March 11, has been postponed until March 25. Tickets will be good on that date. 31p

Steamer Brown Lost

The steamer Charley Brown, owned by the Pittsburg Coal company, was swept away by the ice from its harbor at Cincinnati recently. Since that time the owners have been unable to locate the wreck, which still has valuable machinery and which could be used on another boat.

Instruction For City Folk in Gardening

To instruct and guide the city dweller in making his back yard produce vegetable foods, the United States Department of Agriculture has made ready for free distribution Farmers' Bulletin 936, "The City and Suburban Vegetable Garden."

The home garden movement last year resulted, according to estimates cited by the Secretary of Agriculture, in the planting of from 200 to 300 per cent. more gardens than ever before had produced food. Need for more food this year is expected to result in an even greater number of gardens.

The new bulletin is designed to aid the amateur as well as the experienced gardener. Among the topics treated are:

Importance of city gardeners, types of gardening, cost and value of crops from home gardens, labor and expense required to make home gardens, location and soil, size of the garden, fences and windbreaks, succession of crops, rotations, seeds, plants, hot beds and cold frames, fertilizing the garden, liming, preparing the soil, planting, setting plants, cultivation, irrigation, control of insects and disease, saving surplus vegetables, directions for growing vegetable crops.

Non-sinkable Ship is to be Given Trial

The non-sinkable ship Lucia, loaded and ready to take her chances without convoy against the German submarines, is expected in Washington official circles to leave the port of New York this week. Her maiden trip on a challenge of American ingenuity to German ruthlessness now awaits the formal report of the naval commission appointed by Secretary Daniels, which leaves Washington tomorrow night for New York to make an inspection of the vessel Tuesday morning.

No drastic tests of the Lucia will be made by this naval board, headed by Rear Admiral A. P. Winterhalter. The navy will make merely its own inspection. Then, the vessel, according to shipping board officials, will go to sea, but not as other vessels. The Lucia will go defiantly, heralded as a Yankee ship on the shoulders of the sea. The invention is that of William F. Donnelly, a marine engineer, of New York. The Lucia is a vessel of 9,000 tons and was seized from Austria at New Orleans, where she was interned.

Man Deserts Family; Killed By Train

Donato Cirone, a trackwalker, at Pack Saddle, was struck by train No. 20 and instantly killed, his head having been crushed in and his right leg cut off. The train was running "single line," which is supposed to have been the reason Cirone did not hear it.

Squire Cruse had been looking for Cirone for a week, his wife having alleged that he deserted her and their four small children. The man, some weeks ago, was in court, and gave bond to keep his family. Instead he disappeared and going to Pack Saddle, got work on the track. His wife and four small children, the eldest being only about 6 years old, survive. The remains were taken to Derry the family residing on Short street.

Laborers Are Fatally Injured

Two laborers, one a Turk, the other an Albanian, employed by the Casey Construction company, at New Florence, were killed at that town by a west-bound train. The two men had missed their calculation of the passing trains and when one train went east they stepped directly in front of a westbound engine. The county coroner was informed of the two deaths and the two dead men were taken to the undertaking establishment of J. M. Nicholson. County Coroner James Harkins is investigating the cause of the death of the two laborers.

Many Stars In the Flag

New Castle, Pa., March 3.—More than 1,200 stars will be placed on the county service flag which will be displayed for the first time Thursday March 21, on the occasion of the visit of former President William Howard Taft to this city. It will be used as a background of the stage from which Mr. Taft will speak.

WALLACE REID

Lasky Paramount

Star theatre Tuesday

Tells Why He Killed Adversary

John Ferrarelli, of Midland, who is on trial for his life before Judge J. A. McIlvaine in criminal court at Washington, for the killing of Guiseppe Pace, was placed on the witness stand and told the story of how he shot and killed Pace, as the latter was attempting to shoot him. Farrarelli stated that Pace was a member of the Blackhand society, so dreaded by the Italians and that he had been sent from a distance to Midland to levy tribute on him. The defendant said that Pace had made frequent demand for money and that he, Ferrarelli, had paid him these sums. Finally, Pace became bolder with his former successes and he increased his demands. Ferrarelli still paid the money, although the pressure was very hard, but finally when Pace demanded $100 in a sum Ferrarelli refused to give it.

They had several arguments over this, but Ferrarelli refused the demeand. Finally, on the morning of September 16, 1917, they met near Ferrarelli's home. As soon as Pace saw the defendant he demanded the $100 again but Ferrarelli told him he would not pay it. The defendant then said that Pace reached for his hip pocket to get his gun, but Ferrarelli was a little quicker and drew his weapon an instant too soon for the blankhander. He said that he shot for Pace's arm, intending to wound him. His aim was good for he struck the arm, but this did not stop Pace, who still attempted to get his gun into action, and failing in this he went at Ferrarelli, who fired again this time striking Pace in the right side, the latter, who was a much larger man than Ferrarelli, still kept on and managed to close with the defendant before he could fire again. They fell and rolled in the road together and during the scuffle Ferrarelli fired again, this time striking Pace in the neck. That wound was fatal.

When the body of Pace was searched an automatic pistol was found in one pocket and a deadly looking knife in the other.

The case was given to the jury Thursday afternoon.

HOLDS UP ENGINEERS' SALARIES

The answer of Fayette county Controller Harry Kisinger to the writ of mandamus secured by County Engineers John T. Gephart, E. C. McCollough and Edgar Powell in an effort to force payment of their January salaries is awaited with interest in court house circles. Gephart, drawing $300 a month; McIlough, $175 and Powell $50, cannot get their money because of the controller's refusal to O. K. the vouchers. The controller holds that the salary list of the engineers office is excessive and should be reduced. It is said the salary board has failed to fix the salaries for this year.

March 4, today was fixed by Judge Van Swearingen as the date for the hearing in the matter.

Must Place Watchman At Crossing

The coroner's jury at the inquest held by Coroner James T. Heffran at Washington in the death of Benjamin Wray Moore, the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore, who was killed by an engine at the West Maiden street crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad February 13, recommended that the railroad company keep a watchman at this crossing until after the departure of the 9:20 evening train for Pittsburg, as it is a dangerous point, view being obstructed by a heavy fill made by the B. & O. railroad on one side and a high concrete abutment on the other.

Food Growing Plants.

Scientists have found the way to make the sun shine, as it were, upon agriculture. They charge the soil with electricity and the crops, fooled into believing that the sun is shining, commence to grow at a rapid pace. There is no deception about the results of this experiment, which are hailed as an achievement of vast importance in these days of war when the production and conservation of food are so tremendously vital.

In experiments that have been conducted under the auspices of the English government young strawberry plants are said to have increased in yield by 80 per cent, and even old plants are reported to have given 30 per cent more fruit. Potatoes can easily be persuaded, scientists claim, into the belief that a charge of electricity is genuine sunshine, as a result of which they forthwith grow prodigiously.

Height of Women's Shoes.

The British war office forbids from February 1, except under permit from director of raw material, the purchase, sale, or offers to purchase or sell any boots for women with uppers exceeding seven inches in height if of leather or eight inches in height if of any other material. Manufacturers are now forbidden to cut material or uppers exceeding dimensions named.

THE SPENDTHRIFTS

By N. PARKER JONES.

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Hugh Waters tucked little Mrs. Hugh under his arm, pulled his overcoat collar up to keep out the biting wind, and they turned briskly down the snow-covered street toward home.

"Warm enough, Muggins?" he asked.

"Smothered!" was the coughing reply.

"Some party, wasn't it?" he said enthusiastically.

"Some party! I should say so! Hugh, wouldn't it be lovely to have money?" Mrs. Waters sighed softly. "Enough so we could give a party once in a while, like this one of the Hudsons' tonight, and have a house and wonderful rugs like theirs?"

Hugh threw back his head and roared. "We are mighty hard up, aren't we, lady love? I never realized it so strongly before."

Mrs. Hugh laughed too. "Oh, we're not suffering, I'll admit, and I suppose lots of people think we're rolling in riches on your salary of $2,500 a year; but it doesn't reach very far out after frills, anyway," she answered as they reached their steps.

They opened the door quietly to keep from waking their two little sons, and at their entrance the young high school girl, in charge during their infrequent nights out, rose from her chair, gathered up her books and with a "thank you" for the half-dollar her services demanded and a pleasant "Good night!" she hurried away.

"Sit down and warm your feet, Mrs. Madam," said Waters. "I want to talk to you a little bit."

"We ought to go to bed right away, dear. It's late!" Mrs. Hugh demurred. But she sat down nevertheless, and her husband drew a chair near her.

"Kind of cozy here by the fire, I think, don't you?" he asked, and patted her hand. "Just as nice as the party, maybe."

"Nicer, Hugh," she replied. "The best part of going out is coming home, according to my way of thinking. But we are poor, aren't we? It seems to me that every one in our crowd is getting ahead faster than we are. I wouldn't trade husbands with anybody, but I wouldn't mind trading incomes, would you?" She sighed again.

Waters leaned forward with a rather strained look on his face.

"Well, Muggins," he said briskly, "perhaps we can manage the income hereafter. Guess what?"

"What?" she asked breathlessly.

"Hudson took me up to his den tonight and—guess what he said!" He stopped impressively.

"Now, Hugh!" she begged.

"Offered me five thousand a year to go with his firm." His tone was triumphant.

"Five thousand!" his wife cried incredulously. "You accepted before he had a chance to change his mind, of course?"

"Well, no, I didn't," he replied slowly. "I thought I'd better consult you first, as all good husbands do."

"Man alive! As if a wife in her right mind would veto such a plan as that!" she exclaimed in astonishment. "Five thousand dollars! Just think of all we can do with that much money. If I thought they weren't too tired to be disturbed I'd have you telephone Mr. Hudson before we go to bed and say 'Yes, indeedy!'"

"I think the proposition will be open till after breakfast anyway," was the dry response. "There was one little condition that I haven't mentioned. Maybe you'd better hear it."

"Why, of course," she answered. "But I know his firm is one of the best in the state. What's the condition?"

"Just that I must travel all the time, stopping only a few days in a place, and will only be able to get home to you and the kiddies once every four weeks, and then only over Sunday, if the trains run right."

Mrs. Waters' eyes were wide with amazement and her pretty face was pale.

"Hugh Waters! And you hesitated one single, solitary second? I'll never forgive you as long as I live!" She began to cry.

"Well, I'll tell him tomorrow that I can report for duty on the twentieth," he answered.

"And you're going to accept it?" asked Mrs. Hugh, horrified.

"Of course," he replied.

"And only come home once in thirty days," and then only for fifteen minutes, and leave me and the boys all alone, and— Oh, you don't love us a solitary bit!" She burst into tears again.

"But you said—" was his bewildered reply.

"But I said what?"

"You said you'd never forgive me for hesitating to accept," he cried.

"To accept? No, indeed," she answered. "I said I'd never forgive you for hesitating."

"But, Muggins, there is a better house in it, better rugs, a few diamonds in time, and maybe a car like the Carey's," he answered.

"And no Huch to go with them. No, thank you, kind sir! Your society is worth more than all the rest of the things thrown in, a million times over," she declared.

Hung It on a Dead Man.

The constable gazed long and thoughtfully at the hole in Mrs. Parkington's parlor window. Then he procured a notebook.

"You 'eard the crash at four o'clock?"

"Four o'clock," echoed the lady.

"You run to the door, but seed nobody?"

"Nobody."

After this question Sherlock could think of no more, so he shut up his book with a snap and walked off dreaming of promotion.

A few minutes later he was back with a full-face smile that was eloquent of triumph.

"Jobs like this 'ere don't take a smart chap long," he remarked. "You're sure it happened at four o'clock, ma'am?"

"Yes; have you caught the culprits?"

"Well, not yet, ma'am," he answered, "but I'm narrowin' it down, all right. It wasn't Bill 'Iggins, cos' 'e was killed by a motor car at 'arf past three."

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The Fair and Square Man

Detectives Get Clue

(Continued from first page.)

when he was given $550 as his share of the money and an argument followed. Burke asserted that his companion, the missing employe, told Roush that he "wasn't wanted in on the deal in the first place," and that he (Roush) "forced his way in on the deal."

The remainder of the loot, amounting to over $85,000 was equally divided between the employe and Burke, the detectives say. With the money divided, the three youths left their room an hour later, Burke and Roush going home, the detectives said, and the express company employe going downtown with friends. According to the two boys under arrest, the three youths met on Monday, February 25, and discussed the robbery, then separated, Burke going to his home. He resumed his work at the Burke moving picture theatre, Fullerton street and Wylie avenue. He continued to work as usual until his arrest at his home, 1812 Cliff street, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

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The applications will be h the court March 25. All strances against any applica be filed in the Clerk of Cour on or before March 11. One strance has already been filed

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New Hotel for Lima, Peru.

The Congress of Peru by recent legislation has provided for an up to date hotel in Lima, to be constructed under the supervision of the national government of Peru and to cost not less than £200,000 ($973,000). The site set aside for the hotel is government property located in the heart of the city and is to be acquired by the company constructing the hotel.

The need of a modern hotel in Lima has been keenly felt by the travelers for some time, says Commerce Reports. During recent years the number of commercial travelers and tourists visiting the west coast of South America has more than doubled, and many of these have found it inconvenient or even impossible to remain longer than a few days in Lima because of the lack of adequate hotel accommodations.

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